

DRAFT/JGO:28 June 1973

Honorable William S. Moorhead, Chairman
Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee
Committee on Government Operations
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Moorhead:

This is in response to the request set forth in your letter of 8 June 1973 for background information on Federal government information personnel. As has been discussed in meeting with your Staff Director, Mr. William G. Phillips, this Agency ^{does not have a} ~~has no~~ public information ~~functions~~ ^{program.} ~~or responsibilities.~~ Such inquiries ~~as are~~ received by the Agency from the press and public are generally handled by ^{an} ~~the~~ Assistant to the Director, ~~as a part of his duty assignment.~~

The nature of the duties of the Central Intelligence Agency required by law and by considerations of national security are such that the Agency does not publicly discuss its activities, its organization, or its personnel. If further information is desired in this matter, would you please advise.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Counsel

W. E. Ballig

JMM:

The Agency was not included in the list of those from whom comments on the referenced Freedom of Information Act amendments were requested. In meeting with the Committee Staff Director, he agreed in effect that we do not have "government information personnel" and that we would not be providing background information. He requested, however, that if possible the designation of the position where press and public inquiries are handled be stated in our response. Angus Thuermer concurs.



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